

LETTERS

Concerning Index Catalogue and Surgeon-General's Library.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Los Angeles, Calif., December 18, 1936.

To the Editor:—The medical profession considers that the Index Catalogue is one of the most valuable items for the advancement of the science of medicine, for the continued progress that the profession of medicine is making to protect the lives of our people, and to increase the health standards of this country. The Index Catalogue is of inestimable value.

The usefulness of the Index Catalogue is dependent upon the completeness of the files of medical publications contained in the library of the Surgeon-General's office—the greatest medical library in the world. To insure the value and usefulness of the Index Catalogue, the attached resolution adopted by the Los Angeles County Medical Association, with a membership of 2,400 doctors of medicine in Los Angeles County, was unanimously adopted at the annual meeting of the Association held December 17, 1936.

Respectfully yours,

E. VINCENT ASKEY, M. D.,
Secretary.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The value and usefulness of the Index Catalogue is dependent upon the completeness of the files of medical publications contained in the library of the Surgeon-General's office—a public, national, medical library, the greatest in the world, serving in its present form of administration with satisfaction the medical profession and the medical libraries of our country; and

WHEREAS, In recent years the annual appropriation of the Congress has been wholly inadequate to provide sufficient funds to acquire the current medical books and periodicals issued throughout the world, so that they might be available for use throughout the country and for inclusion of the Index Catalogue; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Los Angeles County Medical Association, consisting of 2,400 members, urges Congress to appropriate annually to the library of the Surgeon-General's office an adequate sum for current medical books and periodicals and for the purchase of back publications lost during these recent years when the amount granted was grossly inadequate, thus depreciating the completeness and usefulness of the library's collection; and an additional sufficient sum annually, for as many years as may be required, in order to make for the greatest possible completeness of the collection and its Catalogue; and be it further

Resolved, That a sum be appropriated annually to defray the cost of printing regularly each year not less than one volume of the Index Catalogue; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Association and sent to the President of the United States, the presiding officer of both Houses of Congress, the Secretary of War, the Surgeon-General of the Army, and to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE with the request for publication; and that these resolutions be published in the Bulletin of the Los Angeles County Medical Association with the request that the members send a copy to their local members of Congress requesting their support of these measures.

Concerning the fight against cancer.

To the Editor:—The American Society for the Control of Cancer has recently organized a Women's Field Army and in March will put on an extensive campaign of education throughout the United States and attempt to obtain enlistments. The campaign will be national in scope, and it is expected that the President will issue a proclamation. The Society has asked all local committees which it has built up during the last few years to coöperate with it at this time in broadcasting our slogan: "Fight Cancer with Knowledge." . . .

It seems quite fitting that at the close of the first decade of the New York City Cancer Committee's work, we can look forward to still greater educational achievements by our combined efforts in the decade to come.

Fraternally yours,
(MRS.) ELLA H. RIGNEY,
Publicity Adviser.

December 7, 1936.

FACTS ABOUT CANCER

The most recent group to mobilize its strength against a great and cruel scourge is the Women's Field Army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer. This nation-wide organization of the women of America will conduct a steady and relentless war to save, not to take human life. It is the kind of happy wholesome fight against fear and ignorance in which everyone can and should willingly take part.

The enemy is a cold and subtle killer which last year took more than 140,000 lives in the United States alone. It has been estimated that there are between three and five hundred thousand sufferers from this disease alive today. Perhaps half of them might be saved if knowledge of the signs and symptoms which might mean early cancer were given to them and if they were also strengthened by courage to act on that information without delay.

Concerning donation to Lane Library: Letter of thanks.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 4, 1937.

My dear Doctor Warnshuis:

May I through you thank the members of the California Medical Association on behalf of the University for the recent check for \$122.50 to be credited to the Lane Library Book Fund.

With much appreciation and every good wish for the coming year, I am

Faithfully yours,
RAY LYMAN WILBUR,
President.

Concerning proposed legislation on milk.

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

January 14, 1937.

To the Editor:—The enclosed copy of a letter which I have addressed to the members of the California State Legislature from San Francisco is forwarded to you that you may know of these circumstances, and particularly of my reaction to the proposed legislation referred to.

Sincerely,
J. C. GEIGER, M. D.,
Director of Public Health.

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January 14, 1937.

The Members of the California Legislature from San Francisco, Addressed.

I wish to invite your attention to two bills now before the Legislature: Heisinger A. B. 50 and Thorp A. B. 77. The passage of these bills will be inimical to the public health of San Francisco particularly, in that they are destructive to our local milk ordinance and milk inspection service.

Under our milk ordinance, the entire supply comes from non-reacting tuberculin-tested herds and is of but two grades: "Grade A pasteurized" (99.5 per cent) and "Certified" (raw) (0.5 per cent). The proposed legislation will remove these safeguards to force into the San Francisco market raw milk of other grades, including the so-called "Guaranteed" and others lower, as well as pasteurized grades of milk from non-tested and presumably tuberculous herds.

The placing of all milk inspection in the State undoubtedly will result in inadequate remote control and lower